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1. Negotiations are at present in progress in Moscow to increase the Russian purchase order for A-1 devices from VEB Optik Carl Zeiss, Jena, from 135 per year (the number delivered during 1952 and 1953) to 250 per year in 1954.
2. The Chinese Trade Delegation to East Germany expressed a great interest in early delivery of 200 A-1 devices to China and in November 1953 placed a purchase order for this quantity with the Zeiss firm via DIA.
3. Zeiss, Jena, has refused to process this Chinese order unless a written authorization is procured from the Russian Authorities stating that this item can be manufactured for and exported to China. Negotiations to obtain this permission are at present under way at the East German ministry level.

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